

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 26th day of April, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. Council Member Gillette gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Police Officer in attendance. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson 7

Absent: 0

// Copies of the minutes of the April 12 (two meetings), 2005 meetings, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Vice Mayor Foster, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Airport - General, Resolution #R-05-037 amending the FY 2005 Airport Projects Grant Fund budget and appropriating \$10,000, with \$8,000 reimbursement, to update the Airport's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, laid over from the April 12, 2005 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Vice Mayor Foster, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Virginia's Region 2000, City Council Report #3 was considered. On motion of Council Member Dodson, seconded by Council Member Seiffert, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-05-043, as presented, supporting the changing of the name of the Region 2000 Regional Commission to Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership-Regional Council:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Parks and Recreation - General, City Council Report #4 regarding the donation of \$40,000 to the Lynchburg Historical Foundation (LHF) to support the preservation and historical interpretation of the Marshall packet boat located in Riverside Park was considered. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that since this is a donation, it would require five affirmative votes to approve. At the request of Council Member Dodson, Parks and Recreation Director Kay Frazier in addition to Randy Parr and Sallie Schneider, Lynchburg Historical Foundation President, provided an overview regarding a proposal from the Lynchburg Historical Foundation for preservation of the packet boat "Marshall", best known for carrying Stonewall Jackson's coffin from Lynchburg to Lexington. Ms. Frazier explained that the City proposes to donate \$40,000 to LHF and that LHF will raise the remaining \$60,000 needed to complete the project. Ms. Frazier also noted that City

Council at the March 22 work session gave approval for the City Manager to finalize and sign on the City's behalf a Memorandum of Understanding with LHF to facilitate the preservation of the packet boat. Ms. Schneider stated that LHF is firmly committed to this project, and that fund-raising efforts are well underway. Council Member Helgeson stated that although he applauds the efforts of LHF to raise funds to restore the boat, he could not support using tax dollars to preserve a structure that could not even be moved without crumbling. Mr. Helgeson also suggested that City Council wait until the \$60,000 has been acquired by LHF before approving the donation. Other Council Members commented that the packet boat is owned by the City, that it has been neglected too long, and commended LHF in its willingness to partner with the City to preserve a part of the City's history. Vice Mayor Foster also applauded LHF in its willingness to partner with the City to preserve the packet boat. Ms. Foster went on to say that although she was a member of LHF and a member of the committee working on the project, she resigned six months ago and has consulted with the City Attorney and determined that it would not be a conflict of interest if she voted on this item. On motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Dodson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-05-044, as presented, approving the donation of \$40,000 to the Lynchburg Historical Foundation to support the preservation and historical interpretation of the Marshall packet boat located in Riverside Park:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson

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Noes: Helgeson

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// The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

Clerk of Council